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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election, and the doctrine of original sin, and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of G[illegible] the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regene[illegible] sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that the saints shall per[illegible] grace and never finally fall away,

6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordin[illegible] of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are only subjects of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is immersion.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

8. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as have been called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

ROANOKE BAPTIST CHURCH, ROANOKE, ALA.

OCTOBER 3, 4, 5, 1893.

OFFICERS.

REV. J. P. SHAFFER, *Moderator*.....Daĉeville, Ala.

REV. W. C. BLEDSOE, *Secretary and Treasurer*.....LaFayette, Ala.

The next session will be held with the Eagle Creek Church, Tallapoosa County, Ala., beginning on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1894. Rev. J. Shaffer to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. C. J. Burden, alternate.

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PROCEEDINGS.

ROANOKE, ALA., Oct. 3, 1893.

1. The East Liberty Baptist Association assembled in fifty-eighth annual session at Roanoke, Randolph county, Ala., on Tuesday, October 3, 1893, and was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by Moderator Jno. P. Shaffer.

2. After devotional exercises, the letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled :

1. Antioch—W. B. Bledsoe, J. T. Hood, J. C. Boyd, J. S. Wooddy, W. E. Lovelace.
2. Beulah—G. W. Hunt, P. H. McGinty, C. J. Smith, W. H. Betts.
3. Bethlehem—F. P. Bradfield, A. C. Bennett.
4. Bethel (Lee)—By letter.
5. Bethel (Chambers)—J. W. Grady, R. B. Jordan, T. N. Jones.
6. Cusseta—Geo. W. Shealey, J. M. Vernon, W. J. Busby.
7. Centre—J. W. Foster, T. C. Key, W. A. Gilliland.
8. County Line—H. Jarrell, J. F. Key, H. C. Wooddy, T. J. Langley, W. G. Jarrell.
9. Camp Hill—W. R. Dawson, B. H. Walker, J. P. Seroyer, B. F. Fargason.
10. Dadeville—T. S. Herring.
11. Eagle Creek—Geo. Adair.
12. Farmville—R. N. Botsford, J. C. Talbot.
13. Fellowship—J. R. Morgan, R. R. Sanders.
14. Five Points—M. W. Milford.
15. High Pine—W. P. East, J. G. Gay.
16. Liberty—F. M. Handley.
17. LaEayette—W. L. Hood, J. D. Norman, C. S. Ellis, D. E. Denney, R. E. Black.
18. Langdale—A. Culpepper, C. F. Crowder.
19. Mary—By letter.
20. Lebanon—W. Y. Harrison, F. O. Williams, U. D. Smith, W B. O'Brien.
21. Mt. Zion—By letter.
22. Milltown—J. M. Rotton, W. H. Blackburn, J. B. Finney, W. M. Woodall.
23. New Hope—W. F. Fuller, R. A. Gaines, Thos. J. Crowder, B. F. Anderson, J. M. Veasey.
24. Providence—R. I. Howell, J. L. Barren.

52 Pleasant Ridge—W. C. Roeck.

26. Roanoke—B. C. Jones, Robt. Brown, Sr., Samuel C. Fossett, Jr., F. P. Nichols, G. W. Stevens.
27. Rock Spring, Chambers—Geo. W. Newman, J. C. Webb, W. F. Abernathy, Ed. Lamb, W. B. Shaver.
28. Rock Spring, Tallapoosa—Dan'l McKinnon.
29. Rock Mills—W. L. Hill, J. Burden.
30. Shiloh—J. C. Houston.
31. Sandy Creek—N. G. Brazill, T. D. Lunceford, T. T. Tucker.
32. Tallapoosa—J. W. Hawthorn.
33. Waverly—Jno. T. Hester, G. W. Ellington.

Number of churches, 33; delegates, 82.

3. Rev. Jno. P. Shaffer, of Dadeville, was re-elected Moderator, and Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, of LaFayette, was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer—both by acclamation.

4. Correspondents were received from the following bodies, and visiting brethren, viz:

From the Tuskegee Association—Révs. G. A. Hornady, W. E. Lloyd' Z. D. Roby, J. W. Willis, F. T. Hudson.
From the Central Association—Rev. Geo. E. Brewer.
From the Montgomery Association—Jno. G. Harris.
From the Carey Association—W. B. Smith, C. B. Nichols.
From the Centennial Association, (Ga.)—Jas. K. Jenkins.
Representative of Board of Ministerial Education—Rev. G. S. Anderson.
Vice-President for Alabama of Foreign Mission Board—Rev. W. C. Bledsoe.
Editor of Alabama Baptist—Jno. G. Harris.
Representing State Board—Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary.
Representing the Judson Institute—Rev. J. P. Shaffer.
Representing the Howard College—Rev. A. S. Smith.

5. Ministers of other denominations were cordially invited to seats.

6. The following committees to report at the present session were announced by the Moderator:

On Finance—F. M. Handley, W. R. Dawson, W. L. Hood.
On Nominations—W. C. Roeck, B. F. Fargason, G. W. Shealey.
On Religious Services—Pastor and delegates of Roanoke Church.

7. Adjourned to 2 p. m. this afternoon, with prayer by Rev. G. E. Brewer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, 2 o'clock. p. m.

8. The Association met according to adjournment.

9. Devotional exercises for thirty minutes, conducted by the Moderator.

10. A petitionary letter was presented from the newly constituted church at Center, and the church was received as a member of the Association and the hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator. (See list of delegates).

11. The Moderator announced that Reports of Standing Committees were in order, whereupon Rev. Z. D. Roby presented the report on Foreign Missions, as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From minutes of last State Baptist Convention we learn that we now have on our foreign miision fields a mission force numbering 172.

We have in Africa, male and female, native and foreign	16
" " " China " " " " " " "	60
" " " Italy " " " " " " "	30
" " " Brazil " " " " " " "	28
" " " Mexico " " " " " " "	32
" " " Japan " " " " " " "	6
Total	172

The average cost of a missionary in China is about	$500
" " " " " " " Africa " "	425
" " " " " " " Italy " "	665
" " " " " " " Brazil " "	840
" " " " " " " Mexico " "	800
" " " " " " " Japan " "	800

Our foreign missionary board paid, last year, to these respective missions—

To China	$ 33,424 78
" Africa	6,515 07
" Italy	15,137 35
" Brazil	19,385 85
" Mexico	28,568 78
" Japan	4,386 34
Total	$107,418 17

This, as your committee understand it, is the amount paid to missionaries for service rendered. The receipts of the Foreign Mission Board from all sources and for all purposes amounted, during last

convention year, to $154,886.28. The last report of the Foreign Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention makes a book of 58 pages in small print and contains much important and interesting information. Get, read and study it; you will be profited thereby.

From the last *Foreign Mission Journal* we learn that up to 15th September the Board has received, all told, not quite $20,000 this year. Nearly half the convention year is gone and not a seventh of the money given that must be had to keep our foreign work up to what it now is. Alabama has contributed up to date, this year, $1,502.21 for this work--about one-seventh of what she did last year. Several missionaries are expected to sail next month to their respective foreign fields; some of them are *returning* to their work, others are going to *begin* what, to them, will be an entirely new work. We note with pleasure that one of Alabama's daughters, Miss Willie Kelly, Marion, Ala., has been approved and accepted by the Board as missionary to China, and will go as soon as the Board can command the needed money. By the side of this we mention that Alabama contributed last month only $52.80 to the Foreign Mission Board.

EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Last year this Association reported 3454 members and $420 contributed to foreign missions; that is, in twelve months you gave 12 cents each for the evangelization of the millions of our fellow beings who are without the gospel. Your total contributions, last year, amounted to $2,484, showing that only about *one-sixth* of your charity went to the largest and, by far, the most needy field. This Association contains about 1-30 of all the Baptists in Alabama, and gives about 1-28 of all the money given in the State to foreign missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. D. Roby, Ch'm Com.

12. The report was on motion received, and all the reports on missions were ordered read so that the subject of missions might be embraced in a general discussion.

13. Rev. J. P. Hunter presented the report on Home Missions, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee, after reading carefully the report of the Home Board made to the Southern Baptist Convention in May, are glad to report good results of the work done in Home fields.

The total cash receipts of the Home Board from May 1st, 1892 to May 1st, 1893 were $106,989.58. Of the amount contributed to the Home Board, the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxillary to the Southern Baptist Convention contributed $26,283.97.

For our encouragement and information we have copied the following from the August number of Our Home Field.

"The present financial condition and outlook of the Home Mission Board is, in one view, decidedly encouraging and hopeful.

This time last year we owed in bank fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) and had facing us a balance of $22,000 on the Havana House due 1st of December, and for which provision must be made.

To-day we do not owe a cent in bank, have borrowed nothing since May 1st. Have no debt in Cuba and have paid our missionaries to the 1st of August. Our receipts for the month of July, despite "hard times" and some special difficulties, have been $7,023.21, as against $2,130.14 for the same period last year, $3,453.03 in 1891, $2,760.84 in 1890 and $1,937.73 in 1889.

And our aggregate receipts since the 1st of May last are $11,629.87 as against $4,447.80 for the same period last year, $6,848,50 in '91. $6,249.08 in '90 and $5,032.89 in 1889.

This exhibit is decidedly encouraging, and makes our outlook very hopeful. We thank God and thank the churches who have helped us to this result.

J. P. Hunter,
Chairman.

14. The report was on motion received.

15. Rev. G. L. Bell presented the report on State Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Missionary work is important to us everywhere, because the great Master commanded it. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature."

It is also important to us because it is an act of the greatest possible benevolence to our fellow man.

Mission work in Alabama—State Missions—is doubly important to us because it is that part of "all the world" which is nearest to us, and for which therefore we are all the more responsible.

During the past 18 years we have been trying to push mission work in Alabama. We have had considerable success; but our ever changing conditions in our state has made it difficult to conduct the work successfully and smoothly. During the past several years some hindrances to our State Mission work have existed, and considerably to our hurt. Now that all of our mission work in the state and everywhere is subject to the management of one board, and since the policy of that board is such as to meet, as nearly as can be, the wants of every part of the state, we can but expect the very best results.

We have just passed through a financial saharah, and yet our Board of State Missions has kept 41 men in the field for all or part of the time, and has conducted the finest educational campaign, as to mission work and wants ever enjoyed by the Baptists of Alabama.

We congratulate the board.

Now for the coming year, let the baptists of Alabama rally around the Board of State Missions and give it $25,000.00 for work in our state, and the result will be for the glory of God, and for the quickening of all our work in Alabama. We should remember that our board has a large work in hands. It proposes to help feeble churches, to send out many colporteurs and missionaries, and to do some general evangelizing. In short, the board undertakes to meet our

wants in every part of the state, and such work cannot be done unless our contributions to the board are enlarged. We are able to contribute $25,000.00 for state work, and we should do it.

Let us lay aside any weight that hinders us from doing our full duty to our State work, that 1894 may be the year that marks a new era in the history of missions in Alabama. We shall hope that the Liberty will do her full share of the great work which we so earnestly crave for the coming conventional year.

Respectfully,

GEO. L. BELL,
Chairman.

16. The report was on motion received.

17. Rev. W. C. Bledsoe presented the report on Bible and Colportage work, as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Brethren: We propose to ask and to answer several questions about Bible and Colportage work:

1. *Do we owe our Lord anything in the direction of this work?* In other words, are we under any obligations to give our sympathy, our prayers and our money to Bible and Colportage work? The B and C department of the State Mission Board has two great objects in view, viz: (a) to furnish the word of God to all who have it not; and (b) to scatter everywhere religious books, tracts, leaflets, &c. The mere statement of these objects forces from every Christian heart an affirmative answer to the above question, and not one will be found to deny that to this work we owe our sympathy, our prayers, and our money.

2. *Have we paid our Dues?* By reference to your last minute you will find that for the last Associational year you paid into the treasury of the B and C. Board $309.71, within a small fraction of nine cents for each member of the churches composing our Association, and doubtless a large number of our members have never given *one* cent to this work. We have not paid our dues to this work—before God, brethren, we have not.

3. *Will we pay our Dues?* The past with its opportunities is forever gone—that record is made up. God forgive us for our failure. But how shall it be for the year before us? Your committee urges upon pastors and Sunday School Superintendents the claims of this work and insists that they ought not to be forgotten.

In view of the necessity of Bible and Colportage work within our own bounds, your committee presents the following resolution and asks for its adoption:

Resolved, That the East Liberty Association will support a colporteur in the bounds of the Association, and co-operating with the State Board of Missions or not as they see proper. Said colporteur to be selected by the Executive Committee, and be responsible to said committee, and that we leave it to the wisdom and judgment of

said Executive Committee to employ such colporteur for such time as they may deem to the best interest of the Association.

W. C. Bledsoe,
Chairman Committee.
F. M. Handley,
J. E. Smith,
M. V. Maley,
F. P. Nichols.

18. The report was on motion received.

19. On motion, the general subject of missions as presented in the foregoing reports was made the special order for 9 o'clock to-morrow.

20. On motion, Bro. J. G. Harris, editor of the *Alabama Baptist*, was asked to address the Association on behalf of that paper.

21. Adjourned to 8-30 a. m. to-morrow.

22. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Gregory.

EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday 7:30 p. m.

23. The Association met to hear the annual sermon. Rev J. L. Gregory, who was appointed to preach the sermon, invited Rev. W. E. Lloyd, D.D., of Auburn, Ala., to fill the appointment for him. Dr. Lloyd preached a very interesting and instructive sermon to a large and attentive congregation from the text: "*All things are possible to them that believe.*" Mark ix, 23.

24. Adjourned to meet at 8:30 to-morrow morning.

MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday 8:30 a. m.

25. The Association met at 8:30 o'clock.

26. A half hour was spent in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Geo. E. Brewer.

27. The special order for this hour was suspended, and under call for petitionary letters the church at Langdale, Chambers county, Ala., by letter and delegates, asked for membership in the Association, and were, on motion, received and the hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator. (See list of delegates.)

28. The regular order—discussion of the mission reports—was taken up. The discussion was participated in by brethren Z. D. Roby, W. B. Crumpton, W. C. Bledsoe, W. E. Lloyd.

29. The hour of 11 o'clock having been reached, the discussion was discontinued until afternoon session, and the committee on religious exercises reported that Dr. Z. D. Roby would preach at this hour. After singing, reading of the scriptures and prayer, the Association listened to a good sermon by Dr. Roby from the text: "*For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all-men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world.*"—Titus ii, 11 and 12.

30. Adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon. Benediction by Rev. G. A. Hornady.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday 2 p. m.

31. The Association met at 2 o'clock, and after religious services conducted by the Moderator, the body resumed the discussion of the reports on missions.

32. Many brethren addressed the body on the subjects embraced in the reports.

33. Pending the discussion, and just before adjournment, on motion, the reports on Sunday Schools, Religious Litera-

ture and Education were made special order for 7:30 o'clock this evening.

34. On motion, adjourned to 7:30 p. m., with prayer by Rev. G. A. Hornady.

EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

35. The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

36. The special order being the consideration of the reports on Sunday Schools, Religious Literature, and Education, the said reports were read as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Out of 32 churches, 27 report Sunday schools. Out of a membership of 3362 only 1369 Sunday school workers are reported, and fully one-half of this number not members of our churches, making only about one-sixth of our church members in our schools, which fact shows far too little interest in Sunday school work by the membership of our churches. There ought to be at least 2000 Baptists in our Sunday schools every Sunday morning in the churches of the old East Liberty Association. Who is wise enough to give us a plan by which we may get them interested in the work?

Your committee feel impressed to say that a word of caution would not be out of place as to an unwise use of the many helps now accessible to teachers and scholars. The unwisdom, as it appears to us, consists in too great a dependence upon these helps to the exclusion of a carful study of the simple word of God. And this reminds us to say that that old-fashioned habit of Sunday school teaching needs to be revived, viz: Having the children to commit to memory the word of the Lord. One of the great objects aimed at in this work is to put God's word into the heart; therefore we recommend a class study of the word itself and the storing away in the mind and heart its precious truths.

Your committee have to report that the Sunday school convention of the East Liberty Association, died at Dadeville on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in May, 1892, and would recommend that the Association prepare for a funeral service of the convention.

C. J. Burden, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education may be normal or abnormal, helpful or hurtful. It may be of such a character as to develop the latent normal and spiritual elements of nature, or to dwarf these elements and develop the repulsive and objectional. The best educationists tell us that true education inspires and builds up the three-fold nature of man—the physical, mental and spiritual. And on this broad platform not only should denominational colleges stand, but our common schools should only be taught by teachers who plant themselves firmly on this basal rock. Ability to teach and to teach well is not the only requisite, but contact and acquaintance with the great Teacher is necessary, and an abiding faith and trust in Him for help in moulding the character and lives of the precious boys and girls committed to their care.

The American people must meet the issue, sooner or later, of their right to have the word of God used as a text-book in the schools of the country. In fact, the fight is now on, and the issue is appalling. The Catholics do not and could not control denominational schools, but as a rule all denominational schools get their pupils from the ranks of the common schools; and if common schools are controlled or even influenced by Catholics as to children's early training, after teaching must and will yield largely to first impressions, and the knowledge acquired be superficial.

It may be of interest to state that for the past century Catholics have increased at an alarming rate in the United States. In 1,800 there was one Catholic to every 53 of the whole population. In 1850, one to about 14; in 1870, one to about 8; in 1880, one to nearly 8; in 1890, one to about 10. If these figures, culled from the best authority, are not enough to arouse us from our lethargy and prompt us to act under the direction of the Holy Spirit to arrest the further invasion of this deadly enemy to the happy development of all that is noble and upright in our christian civilization, then we are recreant to the trust imposed and unworthy the name of disciples of the living Christ. Occasionally, some of our wide-awake brethren become alarmed about the matter, and go into the press or field to denounce the growing evils of this rotten aggregation of power and wealth, when all of a sudden some over indulgent or considerate (?) brother "rises to remark" that all the cranks are not dead. We feel like calling on God to inspire a few more "cranks" to rise up in their christian manhood and stay the further encroachments of this most deadly enemy of christian education, and to give us the courage and the power to exterminate this hydra-headed monster from this fair land of ours.

Our people must get back to first principles. Now and then we see it announced that some denominational college, A or B, has added the Bible to the curriculum as a regular text-book, and then we say, "Oh, my boy must away to A where the Bible is a regular study." My brother, how often have you assembled your family around the hearth-stone and taught your children the value, symmetry and beauty of the Bible as a species of literature, unequaled by man, and pointed out the harmony and happy relation its teaching sustains to Baptist doctrine? Let us erect more denominational colleges around our firesides, where parents and children in sweet accord may learn from the Bible that we hold the truth as revealed to us in God's word.

The exercise may not be as homiletic, the analysis as simple, nor

the tone so spiritual as if a Broadus conducted the service, but it will help you make of your children intelligent christians—Baptists.

The Judson is worthy our earnest support and sympathy. Dr. Averett and his co-laborers are doing a noble work for our girls. Last year 131 matriculated. Of this number 96 were boarding pupils. From the different departments 23 graduated. The present session bids fair to be a prosperous year. May we not hope for 200 this term?

Seven young men, we believe, attended the Seminary at Louisville last year from Alabama. No better educational institution in the country for young men who decide to give their lives to the service of God. But we ought to have at least 20 young preachers there now.

Howard College is near to the hearts of all our people, although we may not be proving it in any substantial way. Last year 159 young men were enrolled. 119 have entered this term, and of this number 11 are preachers. Let us help Dr. McGaha to run up the roster to 250, and of this number 50 ought to be young ministers. But we are constantly being told that old Howard is embarrassed. Let the trustees give us full financial reports, strike a balance, and let the denomination pay its debts. It is said also that Howard cannot compete with other institutions that are endowed. Then let us endow it. We boast 100,000 white Baptists in Alabama. We have some money and the Lord on our side. Here is a plan: Let 50,000 stand aside as women; 10,000 as those who never heard and don't want to hear of Howard; 5,000 more for howlers; 5,000 as the yelpers; 5,000, complainers; 5,000 as pessimists; 5,000 as unfaithful promisors; 5,000 more who strut about as would be men; 5,000 aptomistic brethren who do nothing, and this leaves 5,000 true and tried who, for God's sake and the cause of christian education in Alabama, could and would be enlisted in the interest of this grand old institution, give 10 dollars apiece for five years and we have a quarter of a million endowment. Is there a *Baptist* in this audience who would not spurn to do less? Could not the East Liberty furnish one-twenty-fifth of the 5,000? Will not 200 of God's servants volunteer from our ranks to honor Him with this pitance of the bounty He so richly bestows? We don't say neglect the Judson. If we poor, simple-hearted, penurious and cowardly men would take the "bridles" off of the christian women, they can endow the Judson while we are talking about the matter.

But some of our brethren, who may be wise in their conclusions, have their mind's eye focused on Chicago University. They would have you believe that Howard is in the very throes of an untimely death; and that affiliation with Dr. Harper's great school would insure a full faculty, replenish a depleted treasury; be a panacea for all our ills. Some of us would prefer other action and a little sacrifice, if their marvelous statements were even true. Brethren. would you divorce Howard College entirely from the affections of Alabama Baptists? If so, brush away our responsibilities. Would you bury it into oblivion so far as our people are concerned? Then affiliate. Would you with ruthless hands tear away from its brow the many wreaths of glory, and the prowess of this grand old Howard and confiscate its identity? Then call it an attache of Chicago University, or any other institution, if you please. We are not against Chicago University, but for Howard College.

A little self-sacrifice would be magnanimous. It is said when Alexander's army was marching across the desert against Darius, they suffered more for water than from fatigue; many of them could not hold out. While on the march some Macedonians filled their

bottles at a river and were bringing the water on mules. Seeing Alexander greatly distressed with thirst—it was in the heat of the day—they filled a helmet with water and presented it to him. He asked to whom they carried the water, and they said, "To our sons; but if our prince does but live, we will get other children if we lose them." He took the helmet in his hands, but looking round saw his horsemen fixing their eyes on the water, and he returned it without drinking. Thanking the soldiers who offered it he said, "If I alone drink, these good men will be dispirited." The cavalry, witnesses of this act of magnanimity, cried out, "Let us march! We are neither weary nor thirsty, nor shall we think ourselves mortal while under the control of such a king."

Brethren, are we not soldiers of such a king as the world never knew? Has he not for our sakes and the good of his cause set us such examples of sacrifice as were never made by another, and will we not be aroused out of ourselves? To the conflict! Buckle on your armor! "Be strong, quit you like men."

W. L. Hood,
Chairman.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

"Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh." Literature of every kind abounds. The printing press is one of the mightiest factors in our civilization. Bibles, religious books, periodicals, tracts and leaflets are being scattered far and wide, and yet there is a great destitution of these things in many quarters.

The Devil sits astride many a pen and controls many a printing press. We need to have in such great profusion, and of such a readable character, wholesome religious literature, that as far as possible vile productions from press and pen may be expelled.

The life and character of any people are greatly affected by the literature they read. It enters into the very fiber of their inner natures and incorporates itself in their lives, hence we can not be too careful as to the character of the literature we disseminate.

One of the greatest barriers to our denominational growth and progress, to missionary enterprise and advancement, and to a right conception of and a strong adherence to the real teachings of scripture, is the want of a more general and thorough reading of the wholesome literature bearing on these subjects. There would be more Christians if religious literature was more generally and thoroughly read. There would be more sound Baptists if our denominational literature was more read. There would be more real missionaries if the people would inform themselves by reading the much good literature on this subject.

Your committee would call special attention to the following literature:

1. Every Baptist family in the State of Alabama should read the Alabama Baptist, our State organ, that they may keep abreast with our denominational work in the State. The present management of the Alabama Baptist seems to be giving most general satisfaction throughout the State.

2. For information on our missionary movements, The Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field and the State Mission Quarterly

should be read. We also desire to call special attention to the valuable mission literature, tracts, leaflets, &c., that may be obtained at a very small cost by writing to the Mission rooms, 9 W. Lexington street, Baltimore, Md., kept by the Woman's Missionary Union, of the Southern Baptist Convention.

3. For the use of our Sunday Schools, we beg leave to say that the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Nashville, Tenn., offers such literature as is peculiarly adapted to our needs. There is a missionary feature connected with the literature of this Board of the greatest worth to our churches. The convention series is ably edited, and for neatness and cheapness stands among the first in all the land. The American Baptist Publication Society, for the good it has done and is doing, and for its very valuable literature, Sunday School and otherwise, has deservedly won for itself a world wide reputation.

4. Among song books, for good poetry, good theology, and good music all combined, we recommend for the use of our churches and Sunday Schools: The Baptist Hymnal, Manley's Choice and Harvest Bells. Too much importance cannot be attached to the soundness in theology of sacred songs. Truth or error is as effectually taught by singing as by preaching.

5. Baptists would do well to study and distribute more generally their denominational books. In the opinion of your committee the following books, if more generally read would advance our denomination:

Baptist Doctrines, edited by C. A. Jenkins, The Baptist Position, by Forrester. The two books by J. T. Christian, one on Baptism, the other on the Lord's supper, Old Theology restated by H. H. Tucker, Christian Doctrines by Pendleton, Pendleton's Three Reasons why I am a Baptist, and such like. But above all it behooves us to study and obey the Bible and to strive diligently to give it to the world.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD S. SMITH,
Chairman.

37. The reports were discussed by a number of brethren in speeches, which on motion, were limited to ten minutes.

38. The reports were adopted.

39. The report on nominations was read and adopted as follows:

Your committee on Nominations make the following report:

Rev. Jno. P. Shaffer, D. D. to preach annual sermon at the next session, Rev. C. J. Burden, alternate. The Executive Committee for next year to be composed of Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, D. D., Chairman, Rev. C. J. Burden, W. L. Hood, N. D. Denson, J. D. Norman, J. T. Jones, Lum Duke.

W. C. ROECK,
Chairman Committee.

40. The regular order was suspended and 5th Sunday meetings appointed as follows:

1. On 5th Sunday in October, 1893, beginning on Friday before at Lebanon.
2. On 5th Sunday in December, 189s, beginning on Friday before at High Pine.
3. On 5th Sunday in April, 1894, beginning on Friday before at County Line.
4. On 5th Sunday in July, 1894, beginning on Friday before at Pleasant Ridge.
5. On 5th Sunday in September, 1894, beginning on Friday before at Camp Hill.

These 5th Sunday meetings are held for the purpose o discussing matters of interest to our people, and each church in the Association is expected to send delegates. The pastors of the churches where meetings are held will prepare and publish programmes. The *Alabama Baptist* earnestly requests that all programs be sent to that paper for publication.)

41. On motion adjourned to 8.30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

42. Prayer by Dr. Roby.

THURSDAY.

Morning Session, 8:30 o'clock, a. m.

43. The Association met according to adjournment, opening with the usual religious services.

44. The regular order was resumed and the reports on missions were adopted.

45. The Chairman of the Committee on deceased ministers made verbal report that by God's blessing none of our preachers had died.

46. The report on state of religion was read and adopted as follows:

STATE OF RELIGION.

We expected, owing to several causes, that the report on the state of the churches in our Association this year might be rather a sad one, but, we thank God that it is not.

In spite of the late political disturbances which we feared might do us much harm, and in spite of the almost unprecedented financial depression, our churches have advanced instead of receding, on all the lines of Christian enterprise, and are in average condition at home.

We thank God that his indwelling spirit enabled us to stand the greatest strain to which our churches have been submitted during the past half century.

J. L. GREGORY,
Chairman.

47. The report on Temperance was read as follows:

Your committee would make the following report, viz:

"As the years come and go, temperance remains a live question, a growing question.

Its claims are as urgent, and its demands as imperative as they ever were. The people are more awake, more thoroughly aroused upon this subject than ever before.

Prohibitionists are constantly becoming more numerous, and they are beginning to realize, that the sale of intoxicants is the "*Lion*" in the way of our country's prosperity and happiness, and the conviction of practical worthlessness of the whole license system grows.

Let the *Church* do *her* duty, be true to her calling, and the people will learn that *license* only gives a legal protection to a public curse, which ought to be treated as "Yellow Fever" and "Asiatic Cholera" —put under a *quarantine.*

The people are realizing that the *Liquor* traffic imposes a tax on them far greater in amount than it returns in the shape of revenue and license fees, that it swallows up wages, and more wage producing energy than *all* other vices and indulgencies put together.

The church *must* take a decided energy and combined *stand* against it. The *Pulpit must* not be silent, her *members* must raise a warning voice and the warfare go on until victory is achieved.

Respectfully submitted,
A. S. BRANNON.

48. The report was very vigorously discussed and then adopted.

49. The Association then elected Rev. Jno. P. Shaffer as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet at Dallas, Texas, on Friday, May 11th, 1894, Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, Alternate.

50. The following were chosen to represent the Association in Alabama Baptist State Convention to be held at Greenville, Ala., on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1893. Revs. W. C. Bledsoe, J. P. Shaffer, C. J. Burden, J. P. Hunter, A. S. Smith, J. L. Gregory, R. A. J. Cumbee, G. L. Bell, A. S. Brannon, Bro. W. L. Hood.

51. Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted. (See close of minutes.)

52. The Moderator announced standing committees. (See close of minutes.)

53. The following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the Centennial fund as has been sent up to this session in cash be expended at High Pine, Milltown and Rock Springs (Tallapoosa Co.) churches, to aid them in building.

2. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be instructed to employ a Missionary Colporteur to labor within the bounds of the East Liberty Association for all, or such part of his time as they may deem wise; and that this work may be undertaken either independently of, or in co-operation with, the State Board of Missions, as said Executive Committee may think best.

3. *Resolved*, That when this Association adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Tuesday after 1st Sunday in October, 1894, with the church at Eagle Creek, Tallapoosa county, Ala.

4. *Resolved*, That members of any of our churches who are in good standing may represent this Association as correspondents in any Association they may visit.

5. *Resolved*, That the pastors of the churches of this Association at some convenient time take up collections for aiding Milltown, Rock Springs, Tallapoosa county, and High Pine churches build their houses of worship.

6. *Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of this body are hereby extended to the church and community at Roanoke for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended us, and also to the Trustees of the Roanoke Normal College for the use of their beautiful and commodious chapel.

7. *Resolved*, That our worthy and efficient clerk, after deducting $25.00 from the minute fund, have as many minutes printed and distributed as the funds will justify.

54. The Association then adjourned to meet with Eagle Creek Church, Tallapoosa county, Ala., on Tuesday after 1st Sunday in October, 1894.

55. A hymn was sung, the parting hand extended, and prayer offered by Rev. W. C. Bledsoe.

56. The Moderator announced that the East Liberty Association was adjourned.

JNO. P. SHAFFER,
Moderator.

W. C. BLEDSOE,
Secretary.

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR'S WORK.

Antioch	$ 60.00	Eagle Creek	$ 20.00	New Hope	$ 60.00
Beulah	35.00	Farmville	20.00	Providence	25.00
Bethlehem	60.00	Fellowship	10.00	Pleasant Ridge	20.00
Bethel, Lee	20.00	Five Points	20.00	Roandle	200.00
Bethel Chambers	25.00	High Pine	5.00	Rock Spring, Ch.	50.00
Cusseta	150 00	Liberty	10.00	Rock Springs, Tal	10.00
Center	35.00	LaFayette	250.00	Rock Mills	40.00
County Line	180.00	Langdale	25.00	Sandy Creek	25.00
Camp Hill	50.00	Lebanon	20.00	Tallapoosa	20.00
Dadeville	150.00	Milltown	40.00	Waverly	25.00
Grand total					$1,660.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS—19.

Burden, C. J.	LaFayette,	Alabama.
Brannon, A. S.	Camp Hill,	"
Bell, G. L	Jackson's Gap,	"
Bedell, W. H.	Roxanna,	"
Bledsoe, W. C.	LaFayette,	"
Cumbie, R. A. J.	Dadeville,	"
Cumbie, John	Stroud,	"
Cofield, W. P.	Fredonia,	"
Duffy, D. S.	Denver,	"
Fargarson, T. B	Dadeville,	"
Gregory, J. L.	Easton,	"
Hunter, J. P.	LaFayette,	"
McCarley, J. A.	LaFayette,	"
Moon, D. S.	Roanoke,	"
Newman, G. S.	LaFayette,	"
Shaffer, Jno. P.	Dadeville,	"
Smith, A. S.	Roanoke,	"
Stodghill, J. R.	Five Points,	"
Wallace, Hugh	Cusseta,	"

LICENSED MINISTERS—2.

Kent, F.	Louina,	Alabama.
Stroud, L. B	Chapel Hill,	"

LADIES' AID SOCIETIES.

The L. A. S., at Cusseta, contributed during last Associational year for Missions	$ 81 00
At County Line	30 00
" LaFayette	50 60
" New Hope	23 57
" Roanoke	55 00
Total	$240 17

The L. A. S. at Dadeville raised $145.00 for home work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION WORK.

The Sunday Schools contributed to Missions during last year as follows:

At Dadeville	$ 50 00
" Waverly	1 00
" Tallapoosa	5 00
" Rock Mills	5 00
" Roanoke	100 00
" Pleasant Ridge	8 30
" New Hope	14 64
" Milltown	5 00
" LaFayette	126 81
" Camp Hill	15 00
" County Line	16 00
" Center	5 71
" Cusseta	48 00
" Beulah, Lee	5 30
" Bethlehem	13 65
Total	$419 41

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT SESSION 1894.

1. On Foreign Missions—W. C. Bledsoe, Chairman; J. T. Jones, J. M. Norman, C. S. Ellis.

2. Home Missions—G. L. Bell, Chairman; J. S. Wooddy, G. W. Hunt. A. C. Bennett.

3. State Missions—J. L. Gregory, Chairman; Geo. W. Shealey, T. C. Key, W. G. Jarrell.

4. Associational, Bible and Colportage Work—W. L. Hood, Chairman; T. N. Jones, T. S. Herring, Geo. Adair.

5. Sunday Schools—J. R. Stodghill, Chairman; M. W. Milford, W. P. East, C. F. Crowder.

6. Education—A. S. Smith, Chairman; B. C. Jones, G. W. Stevens, F. P. Nichols.

7. Temperance—C. J. Burden, Chairman; J. M. Rotton, B. F. Anderson, J. C. Houston.

9. Religious Literature—F. M. Blount, Chairman; G. W. Newman, J. M. Vernon, B. H. Walker.

9. State of Religion—A. S. Brannon, Chairman· W. C. Roeck, W. F. Abernathy. J. T. Hester.

10. Deceased Ministers—J. P. Hunter, Chairman; N. G. Brazell, J. W. Hawthorne, Geo. W. Ellington.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The churches have sent up in cash, $860.65; in vouchers, $1,868.94; making a total of $2729.59, distributed as followc:

For	Home Missions	$ 439 15
"	Foreign "	679 51
"	State "	400 56
"	Bible and Colportage	102 04
"	Ministerial Education	190 23
"	Aged and Infirm Ministers	46 13
"	Howard College	638 50
"	Centennial Fund	56 70
"	Minutes	68 50
"	Milltown Church	54 00
"	Rock Springs Church, T	27 50
"	Orphans' Home	26 77
	Grand total	$2,729 59

We have carefully examined the report and vouchers of your Treasurer for past year and find them correct.

F. M. HANDLEY, Ch'm.
W. R. DAWSON,
W. L. HOOD,
Committee.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, 1893.

Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible & Colport'ge	Ministerial Education.	Aged and Infirm Ministers.	Howard College.	Centennial Fund.
Antioch	$ 6 77	$ 11 78	$ 8 00	$ 3 75	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 17 50	
Beulah	10 00	5 00	11 17	1 00	5 00	1 03		
Bethlehem	*16 93	15 79	37 21	1 51	4 62	.....	.....	$ 10 00
Bethel, C	3 00	3 00	3 00	.....	1 00	1 00		
Bethel, L	4 00	8 00	73	2 00				
Cusseta	83 84	77 69	2 74	11 45	10 33	.....	10 00	
Center	.....	4 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 85		
County Line	6 00	30 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	29 05
Camp Hill	2 79	13 61	16 00	8 60	5 00	5 00	75 00	
Dadeville	22 50	30 00	70 00	25 00	15 00			
Eagle Creek	3 00	3 80	6 00					
Farmville	1 67	5 11	18 49	88	.....	.....	.....	5 65
Five Points	5 00	10 00	4 00	1 00				
Fellowship	5 00	7 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
High Pine	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		
La Fayette	100 00	165 06	5 60	.....	46 60	5 00	300 00	
Liberty	2 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	.....	6 25	
Lebanon	4 50	5 00	5 00	.....	2 00	2 00		
Langdale	.....	18 50						
Mary	.....	2 50	2 50					
Milltown	7 20	7 20	5 00	5 00	8 00			
Mt. Zion	.....	1 00						

New Hope	15 04	33 63	27 20	2 85	11 78	5 00	
Providence	5 00	15 00	5 00	.....	.....	2 25	6 00
Pleasant Ridge	2 50	6 00	6 25	2 00	1 00	1 00	
Roanoke	83 93	123 66	‡78 09	19 00	39 60	5 00	219 75
Rock Springs, C	13 43	18 56	39 75	9 00	14 30	3 00	10 00
Rock Springs, T	2 00	2 00	1 65				
Rock Mills	5 00	20 93	20 93	5 00	3 00		
Shiloh	.....	2 90	3 10	.....	.....	3 00	
Sandy Creek	15 00	6 50	6 50				
Tallapoosa	10 00	5 00	4 75	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Waverly	2 05	16 29	2 90	.....	2 00	4 00	
Totals	$ 439 15	$ 679 51	$ 400 56	$ 102 04	$ 190 23	$ 46 13	$ 638 50	$ 56 70

*$3.12 of this amount was sent to A. B. P. Society. ‡$39.90 of this amount was expended in Associational Missions.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—Continued.

Churches.	Minutes.	For Milltown Church	For Rock Springs Church, Talla-poosa County.	Orphans Home.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Grand Total.
Antioch	$ 2 00	$ 5 00	...	.....	$ 36 04	$ 28 76	$ 64 80
Beulah	2 00	.....	.....	.....	11 17	24 03	35 20
Bethlehem	3 00	...	....	.....	50 01	39 05	89 06
Bethel, C	2 00	11 00	.....	.....	6 00	18 00	24 00
Bethel, L	1 50	.....	.....	$ 1 77	.....	18 00	18 00
Cusseta	3 00	.. ....	.....	.....	166 86	32 19	199 05
Center	1 00	5 50	.....	.....	...	14 35	14 35
County Line	3 00	30 00	... ..	...	29 30	82 75	112 05
Camp Hill	3 00	.....	.....	.....	89 00	40 00	129 00
Dadeville	3 00	.....	$ 20 00	10 00	131 50	64 00	195 50
Eagle Creek	1 00	.....	.....	...	.....	13 80	13 80
Farmville	2 50	.....	.....	.....	26 50	7 80	34 30
Five Points	1 00	.....	.....	.....	6 31	14 69	21 00
Fellowship	2 00	.....	.....	....	.....	18 00	18 00
High Pine	1 00	....	.....	....	.....	11 00	11 00
La Fayette	4 00	.....	.....	5 00	572 20	59 06	631 26
Liberty	2 00	.....	.....	....	6 25	12 00	18 25
Lebanon	1 50	....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Langdale	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 50	20 50
Mary	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	6 00
Milltown	2 00	.....	.....	.....	... ..	34 40	34 40
Mt. Zion	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	2 50

New Hope	3 00	.....	.....	.....	55 98	42 52	98 50
Providence	2 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	29 25	35 25
Pleasant Ridge	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 75	19 75
Roanoke	5 00	.....	.....	10 00	542 53	41 50	584 03
Rock Springs, C	4 00	.....	.....	.....	90 24	21 80	112 04
Rock Springs, T	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 65	6 65
Rock Mills	2 00	.....	.....	.....	26 86	30 00	56 86
Shiloh	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Sandy Creek	1 50	2 50	2 50	.....	5 00	29 50	34 50
Tallapoosa	1 50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	31 25	31 25
Waverly	1 50	.....	.....	.....	11 19	17 55	28 74
Totals	$ 68 50	$ 54 00	$ 27 50	$ 26 77	$1868 94	$ 860 65	$2729 59

STATISTICS OF EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, 1893.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's Postoffice.	Membership last reported.	Increase by				Decre'se by				Present membership.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restorat'n	Letter.	Exclusion	Erasure.	Death.	
Antioch	Chambers	A. S. Brannon	E. B. Clarke	LaFayette		14	6		1	16	1		1	176
Beulah	Lee	C. J. Burden	W. W. Wallace	Opelika		7	1		..	12	1		1	118
Bethlehem	Chambers	C. J. Burden	B. T. Smith	River View		3	6		..	28	2		..	95
Bethel	Chambers	A. S. Brannon	T. N. Jones	Welsh		2	2		..	13	..		..	86
Bethel	Lee	J. R. Stodghill	J. W. Moore	Roxanna		6	..			2	..		1	74
Cusseta	Chambers	W. E. Lloyd	F. K. Middleton	Cusseta		...	...		..	8			1	84
Center	Chambers	A. S. Brannon	T. C. Key	Blackman		9	6		..	..				51
County Line	Chambers	G. E. Brewer	H. C. Wooddy	Blackman		2	7		..	51	7		3	213
Camp Hill	Tallapoosa	J. P. Shaffer	J. H. Mayne	Camp Hill		6	5			6	..		1	116
Dadeville	Tallapoosa	J. P. Shaffer	W. C. McIntosh	Dadeville		..	11		1	13			2	115
Eagle Creek	Tallapoosa	G. L. Bell	J. T. Shapherd	Tohopeka		19	1		..	5	6		1	143
Farmville	Lee	J. P. Hunter	J. C. Talbot	Auburn		22	5		..	5			2	126
Five Points	Chambers	J. P. Hunter	J. T. Hilt	Five Points		...	11		..	3	..		..	45
Fellowship	Tallapoosa	R. A. J. Cumbee	H. F. Smith	Buttston		6	9		1	3	..		..	102
High Pine	Randolph	H. R. Moore	E. L. Pool	Happy Land		4	7			5	1		..	41
LaFayette	Chambers	W. C Bledsoe	G. E. Burnett	LaFayette		10	6		..	8	1		1	200
Langdale	Chambers	W. C. Buck	C. Culpepper	Langdale		7	10		..	..	..			57
Lebanon	Tallapoosa	G L Bell	Z. F. East	Easton		7	7		5	6	7		3	126
Liberty	Randolph	H. R. Moore	J. D. Orr	Louina		..	...		..	2	..		1	55
Mary	Tallapoosa	W. H. Bedell	C. B. Pool	Mary		9	5		..	4	1			44
Milltown	Chambers	A. S. Brannan	W. M. David	Milltown		2	7		1	7	2		1	127
Mt. Zion	Chambers	L. A. Dunn	A. F. Duffy	Denver		13	8		..	5				86
New Hope	Chambers	A. S Smith	R. A. Gaines	Fredonia		1	8		..	6	..		1	175

Providence	Chambers	C. J. Burden	J. B. Askew	LaFayette		1	1	16	1	3	65
Pleasant Ridge	Tallapoosa	J. L. Gregory	W. C. Roeck	Dadeville		3	1	7	1	1	65
Roanoke	Randolph	A. S. Smith	H. M. Mickle	Roanoke		12	23	20	4	5	211
Pock Springs	Chambers	A. S. Smith	J. C. Webb	LaFayette		10	9	18	4	2	232
Rock Springs	Tallapoosa	G. L. Bell	G. V. McCormack	Jackson's Gap			3	2			62
Rock Mills	Randolph	M. R. Watley	W. M. Taylor	Rock Mills		23	7	4	6	8	1	90
Sandy Creek	Tallapoosa	A. S. Brannon	G. A. Lunceford	Judson		8	1	4	1	1	105
Shiloh	Chambers	J. A. Dunn	V. J. Howard	Milltown		4	5		1	1	45
Tallapoosa	Tallapoosa	J. L. Gregory	C. Henderson	Jackson's Gap		6	4	1	12	1	1	100
Waverly	Chambers	C. J. Burden	J. T. Hester	Gold Hill					3			41
Total						215	182	15	296	50	35	3471

STATISTICS OF EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, 1893—Continued.

Sunday School								
Church.	Superintendent.	Superintend't's postoffice.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.	
Antioch	J. T. Hood	LaFayette	5	60	2	Yes	Yes	Names of churches organized during year:
Beulah	G. W. Hunt	Opelika	5	50	3	No	"	
Bethlehem	F. W. Shank	Langdale	3	28	4	"	"	
Bethel					3	"	No	Langdale, Center.
Bethel	J. W. Moore	Roxanna	4	25	4	Yes	Yes	
Cusseta	G. W. Shealey	Cusseta	5	35	2	"	No	Names of churches dissolved during year:
Center	T. J. Gilliland	Blackman	4	80	4	"	Yes	
County Line	W. G. Garrell	Dudleyville	7	48	2	No	No	
Camp Hill	T. J. Gann	Camp Hill	6	118	3	Yes	Yes	Hickory Flat,
Dadeville	J. H. Johnson	Dadeville	10	70	2 and 3	"	"	Lystra.
Eagle Creek					2	No	"	
Farmville	R. N. Bottsford	Gold Hill	5	32	3	"	"	
Five Points	J. M. Jackson	Five Points	4	25	2	"	No	
Fellowship	G. F. Vines	Buttston	3	30	3	"	Yes	
High Pine	J. B. Tomlin	Roanoke	3	45	3	Yes	"	
LaFayette	C. S. Ellis	LaFayette	17	125	Every	"	"	
Langdale		Union Sun. S.			3	"	"	
Lebanon	C. C. East	Easton	3	45	4	No	"	
Liberty					1	"	No	
Mary	C. B. Pool	Mary	4	32	1	Yes	Yes	
Milltown	J. M. Rotton	Milltown	3	20	2	No	No	
Mt. Zion					1	Yes	Yes	
New Hope	B. F. Anderson	Fredonia	5	106	4	"	"	

Providence	J. S. Meador	LaFayette	4	38	2	No	No	
Pleasant Ridge	W. C. Roeck	Dadeville	3	22	2	Yes	Yes	
Roanoke	F. P. Nichols	Roanoke	10	125	1 and 2	"	"	
Rock Springs	G. W. Newman.	LaFayette	5	75	3	"	"	
Rock Springs	J. R. Pritchett	Jackson's Gap.	3	35	1	No	No	
Rock Mills	J. Walker	Rock Mills	6	60	2	Yes	Yes	
Sandy Creek	J. W. Dobbs	Judson	9	80	1	"	"	
Shiloh	J. D. Leverett	Milltown	4	40	4	No	"	
Tallapoosa	C. Henderson	Jackson's Gap.	4	50	3	"	No	
Waverly	W. E. Shealey	Waverly	4	30	1	"	"	
Total			151	1529				

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